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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are so lucky to have such a robust arts community in Taylorsville. Our Taylorsville Arts Council is second to none in the many productions they put on throughout the year, and our fledgling Plaza +ART program

has already enhanced the beauty of our community tremendously. I am grateful for the many artists in Taylorsville and can't thank them enough for all the time and talent they volunteer and share with us.

The Taylorsville Arts Council has brought us so many shows this year, including an Evening of Fascinating Rhythm in February, Into the Woods Jr. and the always popular Taylorsville's Got Talent in June, Footloose in July and last month's Jukebox Musical Revue, as well as several performances by the Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony Orchestra. We also held our third annual Plaza +ART Sculpture Unveiling in August and An Evening of Art, held twice this year and featuring artists talking about their work.

And there's even more to come! The Arts Council has partnered with Salt Lake County's Art in Public Places to bring us the Taylorsville Art Show on Oct. 27 and 28 at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. And the Marvelous Wonderettes are back on Nov. 16, 17 and 18. This show is different from their traditional holiday show. This time they'll be singing all your favorite '50s and '60s tunes, performing at the Arts Center's Studio 5400 Theater.

The talent in our community is amazing, and much of the reason we have had a chance to soak it all in can be credited to longtime Taylorsville Arts Council Chair Howard Wilson. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Howard, who recently stepped down from the helm after volunteering in this position for decades. Howard started from scratch many of the productions and shows we can still see today. This past month, I had the honor of recognizing him before the City Council, presenting him with a plaque expressing the city's appreciation for his many years of service. The audience also extended to him a highly deserved standing ovation.

It's not overstating when I say Howard has been a key volunteer and instrumental part of Taylorsville, and residents enjoy many opportunities today because of the time and energy he has so generously given. Thank you, Howard, for all you have done for our city. Our community, as well of each of us here, are better because of you!

-- Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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City Moves Forward with Planning, Designs for Two Parks

The design contract has been awarded and plans are moving ahead for a new park in the city, as well as enhanced amenities and significant improvements of Taylorsville Park.

The new park is located on the 16-acre space next to the two water tanks at the northwest corner of 6200 S. 3200 West. And Taylorsville Park, of course, is at the heart of the community, with its mature trees and open grassy area making up almost 7 acres at 4721 S. 1700 West.

The new park's first amenity is the four new pickleball courts already un-

der construction there. Soon, Phase I work will begin on adding a play area, restrooms, parking and probably a pavilion. City officials plan to put out a bid for construction of the two projects in January, with the actual work beginning in March 2024. Construction on both parks is expected to take about a year.

At Taylorsville Park, plans call for a play area, new restrooms, a trailhead and new basketball courts. But the cherry on the top is a new skatepark, with planned ramps at each end, banked

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curves and "rooms" featuring various elements. The eventual installation of a new road would connect entry into the park from Redwood Road to the Senior Center, significantly boosting "curb appeal."

The Taylorsville Park project is possible thanks to funding from Salt Lake County's Tourism, Recreation, Culture, and Convention (TRCC) program with matching funds from the city, and the new park is paid through RDA (redevelopment agency) funds.



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Emergency911
Police Department801-840-4000
Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
Animal Control Shelter801-965-5800
Animal Control After House Dispatch801-840-4000
Building Inspection 801-955-2030
Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce) 801-977-8755
Fire Department 801-743-7200
Gang Tip Line
Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up385-468-6325
(Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling)
Granite School District385-646-5000
Health Department
Highway Conditions (from cell phone)511
Park Reservations
Public Works (Salt Lake County)385-468-6101
Dominion Energy 800-323-5517
Rocky Mountain Power 888-221-7070
Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill801-974-6920
Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District 801-968-9081
Taylorsville Food Pantry 801-815-0003
Taylorsville Senior Center385-468-3370
Taylorsville Code Enforcement 801-955-2013
Taylorsville Justice Court801-963-0268
Taylorsville Library 801-943-4636
Taylorsville Recreation Center 385-468-1732
Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day)801-967-5006
Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center 801-281-0631
UDOT Region 2801-975-4900
Utah Transit Authority (<i>UTA</i>)801-743-3882



JOIN US AT THE MID-VALLEY

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



GET TICKETS AT SaltLakeCountyArts.org



October 7 Express Dance Company presents PANIC!



October 14
Miami Show Productions
presents GABO RUIZ EN
SALT LAKE CITY

October 20
Miami Show Productions
presents PSICOVIVER
CON ALBERTO BARRADAS





October 27-28
Taylorsville Arts Council
and SLC Art In Public Places
presents 2023 TAYLORSVILLE
ART SHOW

EVENTS OCTOBER 2023

Oct. 4 & 18 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a livestream of the meeting on the city's website.

Oct. 9 - All day

Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day. City Hall is closed in observance.

Oct. 10 - 7 p.m. & Oct. 24 - 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

Oct. 21 - 4 to 6 p.m.

Trick-or-Treating on the Plaza. Children can trick-or-treat at Centennial Plaza, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd., where there will be stations offering candy and treats.

Oct. 27 – 2 to 7 p.m. & Oct. 28 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2023 Taylorsville Art Show @ the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, 2525 Taylorsville Blvd. Free!

Oct. 27 - 7:30 p.m.

Symphony at the PAC. The Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony Orchestra performs at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, 2525 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

Oct. 31 – All Day

Halloween. Have a safe and happy day. Watch out for trick-or-treaters.

Find our monthly calendar of events on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov



COUNCIL CORNER

Team Taylorsville's Hard Work Brings Many New Improvements

By Council Member Curt Cochran

When I think about the last four years and all that we have accomplished as Team Taylorsville, I could not be prouder. Every member at every level of our city team has performed extraordinarily — going above and beyond more times than I could list here in this column.

We all genuinely care for each other, like each other and watch out for each other. We consider each other family. As families sometimes do, we may not always agree on everything that is presented to us, but we respect each other, hear the opinions of others and come to the best decision we can. As Mr. Spock said in Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan, "The needs of the many ..."

When I look around the city, I see the benefits of all of that hard work, including:

- Pickleball courts It seems that for the last few years there have been three words that have been present at every City Council meeting: "pickleball, pickleball." We heard the call, and our grant-writing teams applied for a number of state and federal grants, which we used to create 10 new pickleball courts that are now completed, close to completion or under construction.
- Trail systems The city continues to make progress on the trail system connecting the west side of the city with the Jordan River Parkway. A portion of these funds come from ZAP (Zoo, Arts and Parks) grants.
- Code Enforcement Our Code Enforcement department has been hard at work communicating

with residents facing code or ordinance issues and working to find an equitable solution for all. The city's code enforcement officers would much rather work with the resident than just issue a citation, which is a better experience for everyone.

- Taylorsville Police Department This was a big undertaking that was not made lightly and took many meetings, discussions and analysis before a decision was made. Now, with just over two years under its belt, TVPD is operating successfully and keeping our city safe.
- New Businesses Many, many new businesses came to Taylorsville in the last four years, knowing that our city is "Where Community Connects." To name a few, FeastBox, Lolo Hawaiian, Trolley Wing Co., KPOT, Dutch Bros coffee and Taqueria Martini are all now open in Taylorsville. We've also had new hair salons, barbershops and medical offices open, relocate or add offices here.

Other significant projects are: The decision by the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to construct a temple in Taylorsville; the reconfiguration of 4800 South between I-215 and 2700 South to improve transportation flow; Redwood Road improvements; BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) from Salt Lake Community College, along 4700 South, to the Murray UTA station, and Volta's multi-use housing/retail project at 5400 South and Bangerter.

With all this progress in the last four years, you might wonder, "What else could we do?" There



LEFT TO RIGHT:
Bob Knudsen, Chair (District 5), Curt Cochran, Vice Chair (District 2), Anna Barbieri, (District 3), Meredith Harker, (District 4) and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

are still several items to keep as priorities. Some of them include continued public safety and economic development, affordable housing opportunities, transportation efficiency and balancing car/biking/pedestrian opportunities, as well as infrastructure maintenance/improvement such as safe and level sidewalks for walking and biking.

While we've come a long way in four years, we cannot rest on our laurels and must continue to grow, progress and discover new ways to keep Taylorsville moving forward.

City Leaders Tackling Residential Parking Issues

Parking is on the minds of city leaders and administrators, who have been asked to brainstorm potential solutions and ways to make parking and navigating the city easier for all.

Mayor Kristie Overson raised the issue at the Sept. 6 City Council meeting, noting that both she and the city's administrative staff are concerned about the issue. "We know the City Council has concerns, as well," she said. "So, we feel it's time to have a serious, in-depth discussion about potential solutions with the police department, code enforcement, the Council and city administration."

She asked Council members to review the city's code and contemplate potential solutions in anticipation of that discussion.

Some may not realize, for example, that vehicles cannot be parked on city streets for more than 24 hours at a time. This restriction applies year-round, not only when it snows, and is outlined in city code. The full parking ordinance can be found in Chapter 11, Section 20 of the code, which is easily accessible at www.taylorsvilleut.gov (click on the big City Code button on the righthand side of the page).

Coincidentally, Senior Planner Jim Spung also raised the issue of parking at the same meeting during his presentation on the project now underway to update the city's Land Development Code. He pointed to a fascinating website, www.parkingreform.org, where visitors can access interactive maps and ordinances to see what other cities across the country are doing in regard to parking standards.

"These are things to think about," he said, noting the high costs of constructing both residential and commercial parking that come with any project.

"We raise the issue," Mayor Overson said, "because we feel that by putting all our heads together we can come up with some viable solutions. It's a difficult problem but I am confident that by working together, we can put a workable plan in place."



Take the Centennial Plaza Art Walk and See 17 New Sculptures

Seventeen of the 18 new sculptures are now on display at Centennial Plaza, with one on its way. From "Dandelion Duo with Persistent Parachutes" to others named "The Sisters Three" and "Weeping Angel," all of the artwork was unveiled this past month.

A reception with the artists, where they described the inspiration behind their work, also took place at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center to mark Plaza +ART's third season kick-off.

"The artists have essentially lent the pieces to the city to display for one year," said Mayor Kristie Overson.

Each of the art pieces are also available for purchase. (Contact the city, if interested). See a map of where each is located on the plaza, at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

"We greatly appreciate that the City Council caught the vision of our Plaza +ART program and saw the wisdom of providing funding to bring art to the community," Mayor Overson added.

The new set of sculptures can be viewed at Centennial Plaza, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd., anytime — day or night — and will be on display through fall 2024.













Centennial Plaza – Art Walk





Coming Soon... Dana Kuglin



"Germination:
A Good Seed"
Nathan Johansen



"Cherish the Ride" Deveren Farley



"Arabesque" Myles Howell



"A Window in Time"
Richard Prazen



"Fore-By-Two"
Dan Hill



"The Sisters
Three"
Josh Toone



"Elle"

Jeannine Young



"Bad to the Bone" Richard Prazen



"See"
Nate Brimhall



"Synergy"
Gary Lee Price



"Torri Gate" Doug Adams



"The Family"
Ben Hammond



"Dandelion Duo with Persistent Parachutes" Nathan Johansen



"Weeping
Angel"
Jason Millward



"Salient"

Dan Toone



"Sophisticated Lady"
Jeannine Young



"Seasons"

Dan Toone



Follow These Safety Tips for Halloween Fun

Check this space each month for news about the Taylorsville Police Department (TVPD) and their valuable service to our community.



We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween. To help, please have a look at these safety tips from the national nonprofit safety organization Safe Kids Worldwide:

Walk Safely — Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross; put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't

run, across the street; teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them; always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible; children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Also, watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars; adults should join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.



— Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors; choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision; have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers, and

when selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween — Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways; take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs; enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Also, get rid of any distractions — like your phone — in your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings; turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances; popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Thanks, and have fun!



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ACTIVITIES

- Junior Jazz Basketball
- Ski & snowboard
- · Classes

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- · Baloncesto juvenil (liga Junior Jazz)
- Esquí y snowboard
- Clases

REGISTRATION

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our latest Employee of the Month, Office Technician Sherry Durfee! Sherry has more than 15 years of experience working in law enforcement. She began her career in 2008,

and has worked for Salt Lake City, West Jordan and Taylorsville Police departments. Sherry hired on with TVPD upon its formation just over two years ago and was an essential "plug and play" civilian team member.

Some of her responsibilities include report transcription, listing and removing any missing/wanted person's or property on a national database (NCIC), records management, "Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) TAC," and assistant compliance officer. She is always willing to jump in and assist wherever needed.

Chief Cottam selected Sherry for the recognition, stating that she has been an "outstanding employee who has brought an exceptional amount of talent, expertise and experience to TVPD." In particular, she has done an "exceptional job" at carrying out all these responsibilities while ensuring TVPD's

compliance with BCI standards, Chief Cottam said. He also commended her for going "above and beyond" her assigned duties and carrying out additional tasks, such as completing 39 expungements and 29 validations in just one month. Chief Cottam thanked Sherry for her hard work and dedication to TVPD and Team Taylorsville.

When Sherry is not hard at work in the office; she can be found camping, boating, off-roading and simply spending time with her family. Congratulations, Sherry, and well deserved!



Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES

Preserving Our First 100 Years, One History at a Time

By Mike Spencer, Taylorsville Historic Preservation Committee Member

It has been a pleasure to serve the City of Taylorsville as a member of the preservation committee since I retired in 2014. I have always been a history buff and particularly enjoy studying the history of our wonderful city.

My second great-grandfather, George M. Spencer, came to Taylorsville in 1852 with his widowed mother and younger brother, and settled with the very first families "Over Jordan," later to be known as Taylorsville. I was honored to be part of the fourth generation to grow up on the property they set-



tled. George accomplished much in his effort to settle this part of the valley. He was a schoolteacher, justice of the peace, territorial legislator and farmer. He farmed the property where Taylorsville High School now stands.

I have spent many pleasurable hours studying those early family histories and have come to appreciate their lives and sacrifices. One of the disappointments in my study is the discovery that much of their history was not preserved. I

could have known so much more about them. Their descendants in succeeding generations did not keep many of their histories or artifacts. They were viewed as "old stuff." Some were not interested in history or in many cases, they simply did not know what to do with them.

Here at the museum, we have set up a subcommittee to review and accept these histories and artifacts. Many such items are passed down to family members, but if that is not possible or practical, you can bring them here to be preserved for posterity. We do have some limitations but, before you dispose of them, we would love to look at them. Many such documents will be archived or scanned into our computers to be cherished and shared by the city's citizens or others who love history. Even if they are still held by the family, we would be willing to scan them to help preserve them as part of our mission as a committee.

That mission of the Taylorsville Historic Preservation Committee is to collect, preserve and present to the public the history of the Taylorsville and Bennion communities. Our focus is on the years 1848 to 1948, or the area's first 100 years.

Our subcommittee members are: me, Mike Spencer; Margaret Player and Joan White. You can find us at the museum on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. or by appointment. Come see us at 1488 W. 4800 South.



Don't Miss These Library Events

The Taylorsville Library has planned several programs during the month of October. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:

LIBRARY CLOSURE — Monday, Oct. 9, all day. All libraries will be closed for staff training.



HOMESCHOOL "WHO WAS" BOOK CLUB — Monday, Oct. 2, 1 p.m. Learn about people and places with books from the 'Who Was' series. The group will talk about the book, learn cool facts and do other fun activities. October: "Who Was Galileo?"

TEENS: HOW TO BE A GHOST HUNTER — Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. Have you ever been curious about things that go bump in the night? Join real paranormal investigators for a scientific and entertaining look at the unknown.

SPOOKY STORIES & S'MORES WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND REC — Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. Enjoy animal stories, spooky stories and s'mores around the campfire. Hilary McAvoy from Parks and Rec's Outdoor division will be teaching about animals. S'more supplies will be provided. Bringing your own roasting skewer is encouraged, but the library will have a few to share. This program will be outside.

VIRTUAL ADULT LECTURE | THE TRIAL OF LIZZIE BORDEN — Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. The popular fascination with the Borden murders has endured for more than 100 years. Author Cara Robertson will explore the stories that influenced the debate inside and outside of the courtroom. Register at: the countylibrary.org/LectureSeries



JASON FUN MAGIC SHOW — Thursday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m. Prepare to be amazed with the magic of magician Jason Fun.

UTAH MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: DRAW A NIGHTSCAPE — Friday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. Make your own nightscape using drawing materials and paint. Learn how artists and scientists see the night with an outreach educator from the UMFA.

MAD SCIENCE: SPOOKTACULAR SCIENCE — Monday, Oct.16, 10:30 a.m. — Watch eyeballs, ghosts and wizard magic in this special Mad Science Halloween Show.

TEEN AND TWEEN HOMESCHOOL CODING CLUB — Monday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m. Meet other teens and learn how to code using Fiero Code. Limited laptops will be provided during the program.

VIRTUAL ADULT LECTURE | THE SCIENCE (FICTION) OF DUNE — Monday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Michael Werner will discuss the science behind Dune. Explore survival on the desert world of Arrakis, space travel and the Leviathan sandworms that continue to inspire more than 50 years later. Register at: the countylibrary.org/LectureSeries

READ FOR THE RECORD — Thursday, Oct. 26, all day. Participate in the world's largest annual shared reading experience. Book walks, coloring sheets and stickers will make this interactive activity tons of fun for everyone.



OCTOBER UPDATES

New QR (Quick-Response) Landfill Voucher Code

Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District provides landfill fee waiver vouchers for residents within its service area who can haul their own truck or trailer loads to the landfill.

And you can now request a QR Landfill Voucher. The process is easy to use; fill out a form and receive a QR Landfill Voucher code on your mobile device to present at the landfill.



WFWRD will still honor any leftover paper vouchers, and users must still follow all

landfill regulations. Vouchers are only suitable for loads that are 4 feet by 8 feet (approximately the size of a pickup truck or pickup truck-sized trailer).

Visit wasatchfrontwaste.org and search "landfill voucher" for more information and to request a QR Landfill Voucher.

Broken/Damaged Cans



Did you know that you can get your broken can repaired or replaced at no additional cost? Report a broken can on the WFWRD website under the "Services & Requests" tab and their Container Team will be out within the following one to 10 business days to repair or replace your can. Please leave the cans where they are visible from the street and accessible as the WFWRD team will not go behind gates to retrieve cans. Feel free to use the cans to the best of your ability until they get there.

Remote Recycling Education for Schools

In the 2022-2023 school year, WFWRD's Sustainability Team provided education to 40 classes at 10 different elementary schools throughout the district remotely. Their team has a lot of availability in the spring and would love to present the benefits of sustainable waste management. If you are a teacher or know a teacher who is interested in this opportunity, contact Sustainability Coordinator McKenna Tupa'i at mtupai@wasatchfrontwaste.org or 385-468-6337.



TBID Offers Several Convenient Ways to Pay Your Bill

It's never been simpler to pay your water and sewer bill to Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District. Here are some ways:



ONLINE — Utilize TBID's online bill payment option to save time and money. If you have an internet connection and an email address, you can pay your bill online. To make a payment or sign up, go to the TBID website www.tbid.gov and select "Pay Bill Online" and "Sign Up."

DROP BOX — Place your non-cash payment in the conveniently located parking lot drop box. Drop off payments at 1800 W. 4700 South, just follow the sign.

BY MAIL — Mail check or money order to Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District, P.O. Box 18579, 1800 W. 4700 South, Taylorsville, UT 84118-8579. A return envelope is provided with your bill. Just add the stamp, include your payment and drop it in the mail.

BY PHONE — Call 801-968-9081 with your credit or debit card or bank information to speak with a customer service representative.

IN PERSON — Visit TBID at 1800 W. 4700 South from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make your payment.



If you have any questions, please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org. Follow TBID on Facebook and Twitter.



TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive October Class Highlights

The center has planned a variety of classes this month:

CANDIDATE DAY: Monday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. Meet the candidates in the upcoming local elections.

UVU HEALTH SCREENINGS: Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Get a free health screening from Utah Valley University nursing students.

FLU AND COVID VACCINE CLINIC: Thursday, Oct. 12, at 9 a.m. to noon in the aerobics room. Flu and pneumonia shots, as well as the latest COVID booster shots, will be available. Please bring your insurance card.

GENEALOGY CLASS: Learn about your rich history in this genealogy class for beginners. Mondays at 2 p.m. in classroom B.

Visit the center's website at www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center for other activities and lunch menu information. The Taylorsville Senior Center is located at 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive and can be contacted by phone at 801-385-3370.